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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I was pleased to get your answer to my letter, especially so since my letter was critical and since you must be an exceedingly busy man. After reading your reply, I can see that my criticisms were probably unjust. I don't have the facts and information that you have, so I had no right to judge you.

I haven't as yet had a chance to read WHITEWASH but I am looking forward to it eagerly. I have often speculated on who was behind the Kennedy assassination and why it was done. I have several theories, all of them silly, but I'll mention them anyway just for laughs.

First, if I were Madame Nu and had the wherewithal to hire killers I'd probably do so, to avenge the deaths of her husband and brother-in-law. Secondly, if I were an anti-Castro, Bay of Pigs participant, I'd have good reasons also to get even. If it was not feasible for Kennedy to support the Bay of Pigs adventure, support should not have been promised. Thirdly, (and this is far-fetched) Joe Di Maggio had good reason to hate the Kennedys. Gossip columnists say that Marilyn Monroe killed herself over Bobbie. Perhaps DiMaggio thought it was the Pres. Perhaps it even was the Pres. but Bobbie sort of took the blame since he was in a less important position and he wanted to protect his brother. There is no doubt that DiMaggio deeply loved Marilyn. To this day he has fresh roses placed on her grave twice weekly.

Of course my theories may seem ridiculous to you, but so much the better. If I came anywhere near the truth, I'd soon be dead like the witnesses and Oswald and Jack Ruby and Dorothy Killgallen. So it's better to guess wildly than to get near the truth.

Mr. Weisberg, may I make a suggestion? Why not write a book on what really happened to Mary Jo Kopechne? If Ted Kennedy actually was in the car when it plunged into the water, why did no one see him return to his hotel in dripping clothes? Which dry-cleaner got his suit or was the suit destroyed? Why wasn't the suit produced in court? Why was it a closed hearing? Why no autopsy? Were the parents paid off? etc. etc. etc. Perhaps on this book you could make money.

sincerely yours,

Mary Mitchell

*P.S. I am not a John Bircher, just a plain old Republican.
But even that's a dirty word lately. M.M.*